

REMARKS

Claims 1–24 are pending in the application and are presented for further substantive examination on the merits.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 1–24 were subjected to a Restriction Requirement.

By this Response to Restriction Requirement, an election without traverse is made.

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT SUMMARY

The Examiner has required restriction of claims 1–24 to a single invention under 35 U.S.C. §§ 121 and 372. Claims 1–24 were subjected to a Restriction Requirement as follows:

Group I: claims 1-11, drawn to an apparatus for electrodeposition;

Group II: claims 12-18, drawn to an electrode for electrodeposition;

Group III: claims 19-21, drawn to a current voltage source for electrodeposition; and

Group III: claims 22-24, drawn to a head or cover part for electrodeposition.

ELECTION OF INVENTION

Applicants elect to continue prosecution of Group I, encompassing claims 1-11, drawn to an apparatus for electrodeposition. This election is made without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuation/divisional applications based on the non-elected inventions and claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the preceding election, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for a first substantive examination, and further prosecution of the application is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for substantive examination, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney if it is believed that such contact will expedite the prosecution of the application.

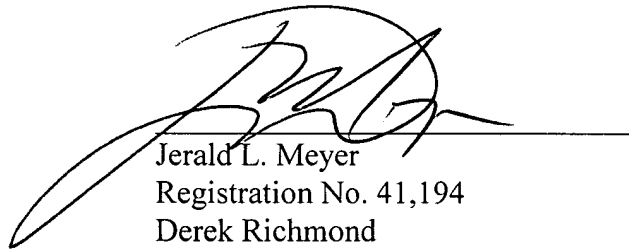
In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

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